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Sir:

This is in response to the March 13, 2001
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.
Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply - April 12, 2001 - and, thus, no extension fee is due.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-38

Please amend the claims as follows:

41. A method of suppressing growth of a tumor cell that expresses an APRIL ligand polypeptide, comprising the

Sub C3